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Monday, June 15, 2020

SNOHOMISH COUNTY TO PROVIDE COVID-19 RESPONSE UPDATE

Tomorrow morning, officials from Snohomish County will provide an update on the county's response to COVID-19, including health, safety, and reopening in the food industry.

SHD DRIVE-THRU TESTING SCHEDULE

Snohomish Health District has published the COVID-19 testing schedule for the week of June 15.

SNOHOMISH COUNTY DAILY BRIEFING

Snohomish County to Provide COVID-19 Response Update

Tomorrow morning, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers will be joined by Dr. Chris Spitters, the Health Officer for the Snohomish Health District, and Korey MacKenzie, Diamond Knot Brewing Co., Food Industry Representative on the Snohomish Health District Public Health Advisory Council to address the county's response to COVID-19, including health, safety and reopening in the food industry.

The video will be posted at noon the same day and available for viewing at <https://www.snohd.org/495/COVID-19-General-Information>.

SHD Drive-Thru Testing Schedule

The Snohomish Health District is continuing its expanded community-based testing operations.

The schedule for the week of June 15 is as follows:

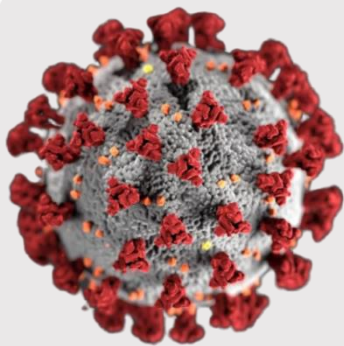
- Tuesday, June 16 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at McCollum Park located at 600 128th St SE in Everett
- Wednesday, June 17 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Sno-Isle Libraries branch located at 9701 271st St NW in Stanwood
- Thursday, June 18 from noon to 7 p.m. at McCollum Park
- Friday, June 19 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Sno-Isle Libraries branch located at 4675 Harbour Pointe Blvd in Mukilteo

Testing will continue to be available to those who are:

- Sick and have developed any of the following symptoms within the last 14 days:
 - Fever,
 - Chills,
 - Cough,
 - Difficulty breathing,
 - Fatigue,
 - Muscle pain or body aches,
 - Headache,
 - Sore throat,
 - Runny nose or nasal congestion, or
 - New loss of taste or smell.
- Asymptomatic individuals who:
 - Are a close contact of a confirmed case, or
 - Live in a congregate setting, like a shelter, group home or assisted living facility, or
 - Work in a location that has had a case,
 - Part of a family or social network that has had a case, or
 - Work in healthcare, EMS, law enforcement or other fields where work settings have a higher risk of catching or spreading COVID-19, or
 - Are having testing required for health care, employment, or travel.

Registration is now open at www.snohd.org/drive-thru-testing.

These community-based testing sites are being operated by the Snohomish Health District, with volunteer support from the Medical Reserve Corps. This test will not use the rapid test machines, but rather the regular nasal swabs



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SHD BLOG: SUMMER EVENTS AND LOOKING TOWARD PHASE 3

Snohomish Health District has published a new blog on when we might enter Phase 3 and what it will look like.

EDMONDS HELPS ITS MOST VULNERABLE POPULATIONS

Tomorrow is the last day to apply for the Edmonds Housing and Supplementary Relief fund. Link at right.

EDMONDS COUNCIL SET TO DISCUSS EDMONDS CARES FUND TUESDAY AT 7 P.M.

Edmonds City Council is set to discuss the Edmonds CARES fund at their meeting tomorrow night. Links for the agenda and how to join are at right.

AFTER MORE DISCUSSION, MLT SET TO CONSIDER COVID-19 RELIEF PACKAGE TODAY AT 7 P.M.

Mountlake Terrace City Council is set to discuss coronavirus relief efforts tonight at 7 p.m. Link to watch the meeting is at right.

that are sent to a lab. Results are expected to be communicated back to individuals within 2-3 days.

[Read the news release.](#)

SHD Blog: Summer Events and Looking Toward Phase 3

On June 5, Snohomish County moved to Phase 2 of the statewide Safe Start plan. For many, the first question was: What does Phase 2 mean? [An earlier blog](#) touched on that topic, and the governor's website maintains [a list of industry-specific business guidance](#). An [online form also is available](#) to submit questions.

However, with summer quickly approaching, a number of events and activities will look different this year. This has sparked another common question: When is Phase 3? To help answer some of those questions, the Health District has published a new blog: [Summer Events and Looking Toward Phase 3](#).

Edmonds Helps Its Most Vulnerable Populations

Tomorrow is the last day to apply for the Edmonds Housing and Supplementary Relief fund. Grants of up to \$1000 will go toward selected households earning no more than 60% of the Snohomish Median Income among other criteria.

Learn if you are eligible and/or [apply here](#).

Edmonds is also working with Kids in Transition which provides housing assistance, food, household supplies and other assistance to homeless families and/or families facing homelessness in the Edmonds School District.

If you wish to help others in need in Edmonds, you may do so [here](#).

Edmonds Council Set to Discuss Edmonds CARES Fund Tuesday at 7 P.M.

This week's City Council meeting, Tuesday, June 16 at 7 pm, allows for live public comment. To comment, please log into Zoom. Here is the information.

- [Join the Edmonds City Council Meeting Public Comment Here](#)
- <https://zoom.us/j/4257752525>
- or call toll free: (888) 475-4499 or (877) 853-5257
- Meeting ID: 425 775 2525

When you call in, you will be placed into a "waiting room" until it is your turn to speak.

Please visit the City of Edmonds [webpage](#) to review the agenda.

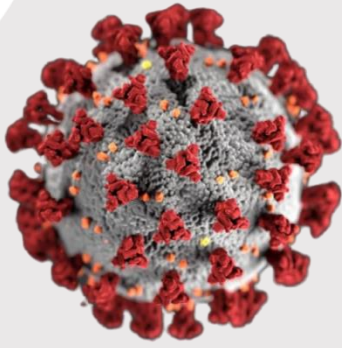
After More Discussion, MLT Council Set to Consider COVID-19 Relief Package Today at 7 P.M.

The Mountlake Terrace (MLT) City Council held a work/study session on June 11 to discuss coronavirus relief efforts and updates to city business ahead of their next meeting on June 15 at 7 p.m.

Councilmembers continued to deliberate specific priorities for the city's distribution of the funds it receives from the federal CARES (Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security) Act. The city anticipates receiving \$647,000, which will be available on a reimbursement basis from the State of Washington as long as the expenses are directly connected to the COVID-19 pandemic. It expects to allocate approximately \$400,000 of those funds to efforts that can assist city residents and small businesses. The remaining balance will be used to help cover city expenses.

For the June 15 City Council meeting:





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SNOHOMISH COUNTY PROVIDES SECOND ROUND OF SMALL BUSINESS RELIEF GRANTS

A second round of the Small Business Relief, Recovery, and Resiliency (R3) Grant Program has been announced by Snohomish County. See links at right.

If the public would like to listen in via telephone, the call in number is 1-253-215-8782. Webinar ID (845 9240 9033). Password is (06 15 2020).

To watch the meeting over the internet, follow these steps:

- Go to <https://zoom.us/join>
- Enter meeting ID (845 9240 9033) and click "join" (you will be prompted to install the Zoom application if you do not already have it)
- Enter password (06 15 2020)

To submit public comment, please email your remarks to cityhall@ci.mt.wa.us or mail them to City Hall, 6100 219th Street SW #200, Mountlake Terrace, WA 98043. Written public comment must be received by 4:00 p.m. on the day of meeting to be acknowledged that night. Please reference "public comment for June 15 Council meeting" on your correspondence.

For more information please read the [article](#) and tune into today's [City Council meeting](#).

Snohomish County Provides Second Round of Small Business Relief Grants

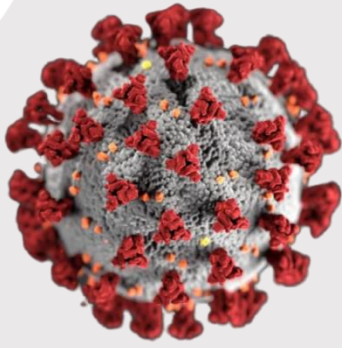
On Friday, June 12, Snohomish County Executive Dave Somers announced the second round of the Small Business Relief, Recovery, and Resiliency (R3) Grant Program. This grant program is a key part of the relief and recovery action Snohomish County is taking to help businesses impacted by the pandemic. This grant program is part of the package of COVID-19 responses funded by CARES Act resources.

The application process for the second round of the R3 Grant Program is now open. Applicants can visit www.workforcesnohomish.org for details and application materials. Applicants can also request a direct link to the application and instructions by sending an email to requestgrant@workforcesnohomish.org. It is anticipated that it will take most businesses less than 30 minutes to apply. It is also anticipated awards will be made within five weeks of application. Grants in amounts up to \$25,000 will be awarded to qualifying businesses. Businesses applying for grants under this program must:

- Be licensed to do business in the State of Washington.
- Be a business physically located in Snohomish County.
- Have 20 or fewer employees (including the business owner/worker).
- Be in operation for one or more years.
- Certify at least a 25% reduction in revenue attributable to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Able to demonstrate that the business was a going concern before March 23, 2020.

Economic and unemployment data for Snohomish County provides insight about our hardest hit businesses. The focus of this grant program is on small businesses that are critical to supporting our community's broad-based recovery. Priority will be given to dining, retail, hospitality, arts and entertainment, and service sector establishments. Minority, women and veteran owned businesses are encouraged to apply.

Funding is intended to support business sustainability through the COVID-19 public health emergency. The funds received must be used to cover expenses that have not been previously accounted for and are incurred between March 1, 2020 and December 30, 2020.



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COMMUNITY TRANSIT RECEIVES 22,500 FACE COVERS FROM USDOT

CT received 22,500 fabric face coverings from the U.S. Department of Transportation for essential public transit employees.

NEW REPORT SHOWS INCREASING COVID-19 ACTIVITY IN WASHINGTON STATE

Last Saturday, DOH released the latest statewide situation report, which showed COVID-19 transmission continued to increase in eastern Washington, with a possible uptick in western Washington.

This is the second round of the R3 grant. The first round closed on June 4, 2020 and expects to announce awards on June 24, 2020. Those applicants from the first round that are not selected for award by June 24, 2020 will automatically be considered in this second round of funding.

The County anticipates announcing a relief program for Snohomish County private non-profit organizations later this year.

Questions about the application should be directed to Workforce Snohomish at snocogrant@workforcesnohomish.org.

For more general information, please go to <https://www.snohomishcountywa.gov/5600/COVID-19-Business-Recovery>, the County's comprehensive page for residents and small businesses impacted by COVID-19.

For more information please read Snohomish County's [news release](#)

Community Transit Receives 22,500 Face Covers From USDOT

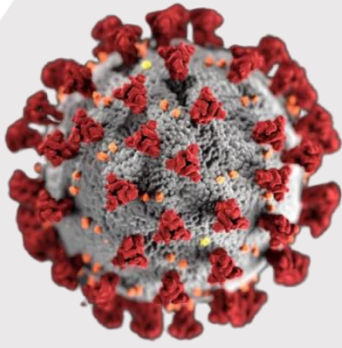
Community Transit received 22,500 fabric face coverings from the U.S. Department of Transportation to help keep essential public transit employees protected from the spread of COVID-19.



New Report Shows Increasing COVID-19 Activity in Washington State

On Saturday, the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) released the latest [statewide situation report](#), which shows COVID-19 transmission continued to increase in eastern Washington as of the end of May, with a possible uptick in western Washington as well. There are still significant differences in transmission from county to county.

The situation in eastern Washington is of greatest concern, particularly in Benton, Franklin, Spokane and Yakima counties. The report estimates cases and deaths in these counties will soon increase substantially if COVID-19 continues to spread at current levels. By population, these counties are in a comparable position to King County at its peak in March. They may require similar efforts to expand hospital capacity and testing, protect the people at highest risk and increase physical distancing.



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GOV. INSLEE STATEMENT ON NEW REPORT ON COVID-19 ACTIVITY INCREASING IN WASHINGTON

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a statement after DOH released the latest statewide situation report. Read more at right.

"The trends we're seeing point to the critical importance of actions we can all take, like staying six feet apart and wearing cloth face coverings whenever we're in public, as well as a need for increased response in these harder-hit areas," said Dr. Kathy Lofy, state health officer at DOH. "We're working closely with the Governor's Office, local officials and partners to identify additional ways to reduce the spread of COVID-19 in these regions. Every single person in our state can and must do their part to help by following public health recommendations."

While case counts had been trending flat in western Washington, small increases are now being observed. State and local officials will continue to monitor the region carefully to determine whether the slight increase in COVID-19 transmission shown in the report continues to grow. Report findings include possible transmission increases over Memorial Day weekend, but would not include increases that may have occurred following recent protests.

The report also includes a new measure called Progress to Zero for each county, which shows how far cases have declined from the peak level of activity. This measure varies considerably across the state, with some counties showing large decreases and other counties that have not yet reached a peak number of cases.

The most recent estimates of transmission in eastern and western Washington are also available in the state's [risk assessment dashboard](#) in the COVID-19 Disease Activity tab and are updated weekly. DOH partnered with Bellevue-based Institute for Disease Modeling and the Microsoft AI for Health program to develop the report and estimates.

[Read the full news release.](#)

Gov. Inslee Statement on New Report on COVID-19 Activity Increasing in Washington

Gov. Jay Inslee issued a statement after the Washington State Department of Health (DOH) [released the latest statewide situation report](#), which shows COVID-19 transmission continued to increase throughout Washington, as of the end of May.

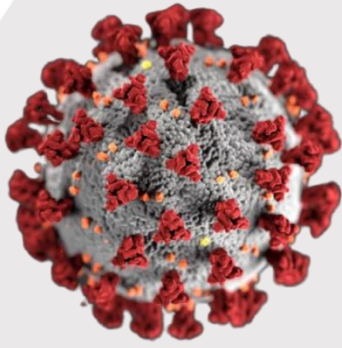
"Washingtonians have done the hard work to flatten the curve on COVID-19 and we know this has been tremendously difficult for families, businesses and communities over the past few months. But today's report shows us there is still reason for strong concern in parts of our state. The report estimates cases and deaths will soon increase substantially if COVID-19 continues to spread at current levels.

"The cases in Benton, Franklin and Yakima counties are of particular concern. I joined the Institute for Disease Modeling (IDM) this morning as they shared data with leaders in these three counties. This data will force us to look for some creative solutions and strengthen our strong local - state partnerships to address the disease activity.

"To continue tackling this virus, we must increase testing and mask-wearing, and maintain physical distancing and hospital capacity, as well as target interventions for high-risk populations such as long-term care facilities and indoors, including close proximity workplace operations, such as food processing and agricultural housing.

"This is not the time to give up on efforts to protect ourselves, our families and our communities. We are still in the middle of a pandemic that is continuing to infect and kill Washingtonians."

For more information please read the Governor's [news release](#) and visit [DOH's website](#).



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NEW DOH BLOG: AN INCREASE IN THE SPREAD OF COVID-19

A new blog from the Department of Health talks about the possible causes of an increase in the spread of COVID-19 throughout Washington state.

NURSING HOME TESTING REMAINS A CONTINUOUS EFFORT THROUGHOUT THE MONTH OF JUNE

More time is needed to achieve the state's goal of testing every resident and staff member in nursing homes across the state by last Friday, June 12.

New DOH Blog: An Increase in the Spread of COVID-19

A new blog from the Department of Health talks about the possible causes of an increase in the spread of COVID-19 throughout Washington state. It has been spreading faster in eastern Washington, and the latest statewide situation report shows that not only has that increased spread continued, but the disease may be spreading more once again in western Washington now too.

Because of the time frame of the data used to look at these trends, it is possible the increases may be related to Memorial Day celebrations or travel. The time frame of these data would not include possible exposures from protests.

[Read the full blog.](#)

Nursing Home Testing Remains a Continuous Effort Throughout Month of June

More time is needed to achieve the state's goal of testing every resident and staff member in nursing homes across the state by last Friday, June 12.

As stated in [the Secretary of Health's order](#), June 12 was the date for every nursing home to:

- Offer COVID-19 tests to all residents and administer tests to all consenting residents,
- Require all staff to be tested for COVID-19 and administer tests to all staff, except those who declined with medical justification,
- Contact DOH for assistance if unable to test,
- Ensure timely and proper submission of test specimens to authorized laboratories, and
- Immediately report positive test results.

While teams across the COVID-19 response are working around the clock to support this process, inconsistent supplies remain an issue. Most recently, a shortage of shipping containers and cold packs has created complications for facilities to looking to return samples to a lab for processing. This means that some facilities may not be able to successfully finish the testing process for all staff and residents by the June 12 deadline.

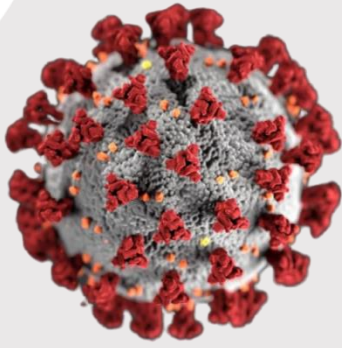
Progress is being made, however:

- 187 facilities have either completed, received testing supplies or been shipped testing supplies.
- 2 orders are in the warehouse, and
- We are waiting to get number confirmation and needs from 22 facilities. Some of these 22 may have already tested.

Few shipments have gone out to memory care units as most are still being called to confirm their supply needs and update their status. DOH is working hard to get facilities the supplies they need to complete testing. However, if the deadline is missed, they will not be fined, and are just asked to complete testing as soon as feasible.

Testing staff and residents at nursing homes is a key part of the plan to protect communities most at risk for not only contracting the virus in a congregate setting, but suffering a bad outcome from COVID-19. Testing in nursing home remains a top priority, and DOH will continue to share progress updates soon.

For more information please read DOH's [news release](#).



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EMPLOYMENT SECURITY DEPARTMENT EMERGENCY RULES – CHARGING OF WAITING WEEK

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, two changes were made to the required waiting week for unemployment benefits. See full details at right.

FUNDING AVAILABLE TO SUPPORT LOCAL PARTNERSHIPS THAT INCREASE CHILD CARE CAPACITY IN WASHINGTON COMMUNITIES

The Washington State Department of Commerce is now accepting applications for the Child Care Partnership grant program designed to increase capacity access to child care.

Employment Security Department Emergency Rules – Charging of Waiting Week

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, two changes were made to the required waiting week for unemployment benefits. First, Governor Inslee waived the requirement for a waiting week for unemployment benefits. Second, Congress passed and the President signed the federal CARES Act. As part of the CARES Act, benefits paid for the first week of a claim from April to December of 2020 will be fully reimbursed by the federal government. The Department has filed [emergency rules](#) stating that employers will not be charged for those benefits. The rule applies to both taxable and reimbursable employers during any weeks where the Governor has waived the waiting week requirement.

For more information about the Department's response to COVID-19, please review the agency's COVID-19 [web page](#).

Funding Available to Support Local Partnerships that Increase Child Care Capacity in Washington Communities

The Washington State Department of Commerce is now accepting applications for the first round of a new competitive [Child Care Partnership grant program](#). Funding will support grants up to \$100,000 each for collaborative efforts that expand child care capacity in communities throughout the state.

More than 1,100 child care centers have temporarily closed since March due to the coronavirus pandemic, bringing an existing crisis of scarcity to a head. Disparities in access to child care are even more pronounced and damaging in economically disadvantaged communities and communities of color.

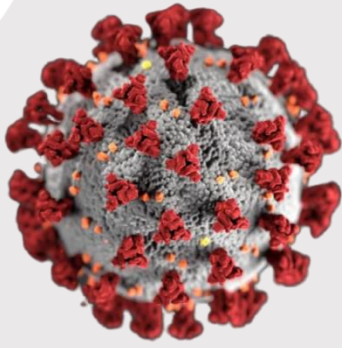
"We cannot allow a learning gap to persist in Washington state – the long-term costs in human potential for our kids, our communities and our economy are staggering," said Commerce Director Lisa Brown.

Even before COVID-19 and the ensuing financial crisis, many working parents in Washington were either paying more than they could afford, or struggling to even find quality child care facilities and programs near where they live or work. State funds for the new Child Care Partnership grants will invest in local collaborations to develop community-driven action plans to increase capacity access to child care.

"This is a broad, complex societal challenge that demands strong partnerships among local government and tribal leaders, school systems, employers, philanthropies and others to develop and implement programs and projects that will strengthen communities and families," Brown emphasized.

Organizations eligible to apply for grants up to \$100,000 are: nonprofit organizations having a 501(c)(3) status; local government entities, educational service districts, and federally recognized tribes. Awards will be up to \$100,000. This is the first of two application cycles and projects must be completed by June 30, 2021. A second application round is expected to open mid-August.

[Read the full release.](#)



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DO YOU NEED SUPPORT DUE TO STRESS FROM COVID-19? CALL WASHINGTON LISTENS

Washington Listens is a program that provides non-clinical support to people experiencing elevated stress to COVID-19. Details and phone number at right.

WASHINGTON'S EVICTION MORATORIUM EXTENDED TO AUGUST 1, 2020

See the graphic at right from the Northwest Justice Project.

Do You Need Support Due to Stress from COVID-19? Call Washington Listens

Washington Listens is a program that provides non-clinical support to people experiencing elevated stress due to COVID-19.

Part of the program is a call-in line where people can speak to a support specialist and receive information and connection to community resources in their area. The program is anonymous and no identifying information is maintained.

Washington Listens staff will receive basic training to provide support to individuals during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Providers and tribes supporting the program include:

- Crisis Connections
- Community Integrated Health Services (CIHS)
- American Indian Community Center (AICC)
- Swinomish Tribe
- Colville Tribe
- Frontier Behavioral Health (FBH)
- Okanogan Behavioral HealthCare (OBHC)

To learn more or reach Washington Listens:

- Call 1-833-681-0211
- Read the Washington Listens [fact sheet](#)
- [Blog post](#)

Washington's Eviction Moratorium Extended to August 1, 2020

The Northwest Justice Project has provided the following flyer detailing the eviction moratorium:

Northwest Justice Project

Washington's Eviction Moratorium stops many, but not all evictions. Until August 1, 2020

You cannot be evicted for not paying rent or for "no cause"
And you should not get a 14 Day or 20 Day Termination Notice

You may still be evicted if you cause an immediate and significant health and safety problem

**The moratorium does not mean you do not owe rent!
If you do not pay rent, you may owe a lot more later!
You may be evicted after August 1st if you do not pay now!**

If you cannot pay all your rent, your landlord should offer a reasonable payment plan. Get any plan with your landlord in writing. Find sample letters to give your landlord on www.WashingtonLawHelp.org.

If your landlord tries to evict you, try to get legal help right away.

If you are in King County, Call 211 or the Housing Justice Project at (253) 234-4204.

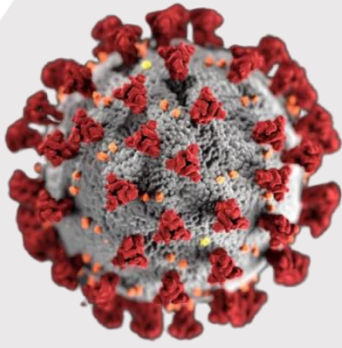
If you are in any other county in Washington, call NJP's CLEAR Hotline at 1-888-201-1014 weekdays between 9:15 am and 12:15 pm.

You can also file a complaint with Washington's Attorney General at www.atg.wa.gov or (833) 660-4877.

Visit www.WashingtonLawHelp.org for sample letters to send to your landlord and much more free legal information, forms and videos.

Washington LawHelp

For more information please visit the [NW Justice Project](#) and the [Washington LawHelp](#) websites.



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\$130 BILLION STILL AVAILABLE FOR SMALL BUSINESSES! APPLY BY JUNE 30

\$130 billion remains in the Paycheck Protection Program. Sweeping changes made to the program last week provide more flexibility for applicants. Information and links at right.

OSHA PROVIDES GUIDANCE ON FACE COVERINGS AND MASKS

OSHA has published a new FAQ outlining the differences between cloth face coverings, surgical masks, and respirators. Links at right.

OCR ISSUES GUIDANCE ON FORMER COVID-19 PATIENTS ABOUT BLOOD AND PLASMA DONATION OPPORTUNITIES

The Office for Civil Rights at the US Department of Health and Human Services issues guidance on how HIPAA Privacy Rules permits covered health care providers to contact patients who have recovered from COVID-19.

NIH LAUNCHES ANALYTICS PLATFORM TO HARNESS NATIONWIDE COVID-19 PATIENT DATA TO SPEED TREATMENTS

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has launched a centralized, secure enclave to store and study vast amounts of medical record data from people diagnosed with coronavirus disease across the country.

\$130 Billion Still Available for Small Businesses! Apply by June 30

Sweeping changes made to the US Small Business Administration (SBA) [Paycheck Protection Program](#) last week provide more flexibility for applicants, including more time to spend funds and an increase in the amount that can be used for non-payroll expenses. Currently, about \$130 billion remains in the fund. Applications are due June 30.

[Learn more](#) about SBA emergency funds.

OSHA Provides Guidance on Face Coverings and Masks

Under the U.S. Department of Labor, the Occupational Safety & Health Administration (OSHA) published frequently asked questions (FAQs) outlining the differences between [cloth face coverings, surgical masks and respirators](#).

For more information please read the U.S. Department of Labor's [news release](#) and OSHA's [FAQs](#).

OCR Issues Guidance on How Health Care Providers Can Contact Former COVID-19 Patients About Blood and Plasma Donation Opportunities

The Office for Civil Rights (OCR) at the U.S Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) issued guidance on how the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA) Privacy Rule permits covered health care providers to contact their patients who have recovered from COVID-19 to inform them about how they can donate their blood and plasma containing antibodies to help other patients with COVID-19.

The guidance explains that HIPAA permits covered health care providers to identify and contact patients who have recovered from COVID-19 for population-based activities relating to improving health, case management, or care coordination. The guidance emphasizes that, without patients' authorization, the providers cannot receive any payment from or on behalf of a blood and plasma donation center in exchange for such communications with recovered patients.

The guidance may be found at:

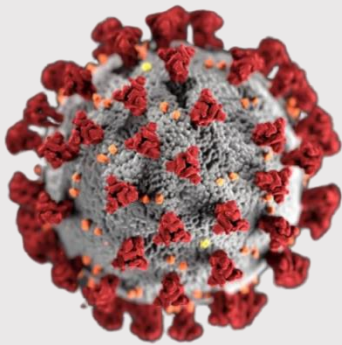
<https://www.hhs.gov/sites/default/files/guidance-on-hipaa-and-contacting-former-covid-19-patients-about-blood-and-plasma-donation.pdf> - PDF

Please read OCR's [news release](#) and to learn more about convalescent plasma and COVID-19 read JAMA's [article](#).

NIH Launches Analytics Platform to Harness Nationwide COVID-19 Patient Data to Speed Treatments

The National Institutes of Health (NIH) has launched a centralized, secure enclave to store and study vast amounts of medical record data from people diagnosed with coronavirus disease across the country. It is part of an effort, called the [National COVID Cohort Collaborative \(N3C\)](#), to help scientists analyze these data to understand the disease and develop treatments. This effort aims to transform clinical information into knowledge urgently needed to study COVID-19, including health risk factors that indicate better or worse outcomes of the disease, and identify potentially effective treatments.

The N3C is funded by the [National Center for Advancing Translational Sciences \(NCATS\)](#), part of NIH. The initiative will create an analytics



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CHANGES TO DATA UPDATES

Data on case counts will be available through the Washington State Department of Health [dashboard](#). See more details on this shift at right.

ESSENTIAL LINKS AND PHONE NUMBERS FOR UP-TO-DATE INFORMATION

- [Snohomish Health District](#)
- [Snohomish County](#)
- [Snohomish County COVID-19 Response & Community Resource Hub](#)
- [Washington State](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#)
- Snohomish County COVID-19 Phone Line: **425-388-3944**
- Washington State COVID-19 Hotline: Call **1-800-525-0127** or text **211-211** for help. For information to be texted to you, text **Coronavirus** to **211-211**.

platform to systematically collect clinical, laboratory and diagnostic data from health care provider organizations nationwide. It will then harmonize the aggregated information into a standard format and make it available rapidly for researchers and health care providers to accelerate COVID-19 research and provide information that may improve clinical care. A demonstration of the platform can be viewed at ncats.nih.gov/n3c.

Having access to a centralized enclave of this magnitude will help researchers and health care providers answer clinically important questions they previously could not, such as, "Can we predict who might need dialysis because of kidney failure?" or "Who might need to be on a ventilator because of lung failure?" and "Are there different patient responses to coronavirus infection that require distinct therapies?"

For more information please read NIH's [news release](#) and learn more about the N3C, including data transfer and access, at covid.cd2h.org.

Changes to Data Updates

The Washington State Department of Health (DOH) has made significant investments in time and resources to expand their data dashboards. This includes daily data at the county level, and plans to continue adding more.

- [COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)
- [Phases and Risk Assessment Dashboard](#)

Given this, and the need to focus staff time on activities that support getting to Phase 3, last Friday was the last day that the Snohomish Health District published detailed daily case count information. The DOH dashboards allow individuals to select Snohomish County (or any other county), and then hover over graphs to see daily numbers.

Instead of daily updates, SHD will issue a weekly report on Fridays. That first [weekly report is available online](#). Highlights from the 2-week period of May 24–June 6 include:

- Case rate for the 14-day period was 21.5 per 100,000
- Long-term care facilities were associated with just 11.9 percent of the cases
- More than half of the cases (51.6 percent) were 20-49 years old

With the outbreak now far advanced, daily changes in the cumulative counts are marginal. They also do not affect the Health District's disease control actions, nor its recommendations for businesses and residents regarding prevention.

The Health District will continue to monitor any suggestion of geographic clustering. If a situation arises where a geographic location seems to be a driving risk factor, the Health District will promptly take appropriate actions, including notifying the affected community.

